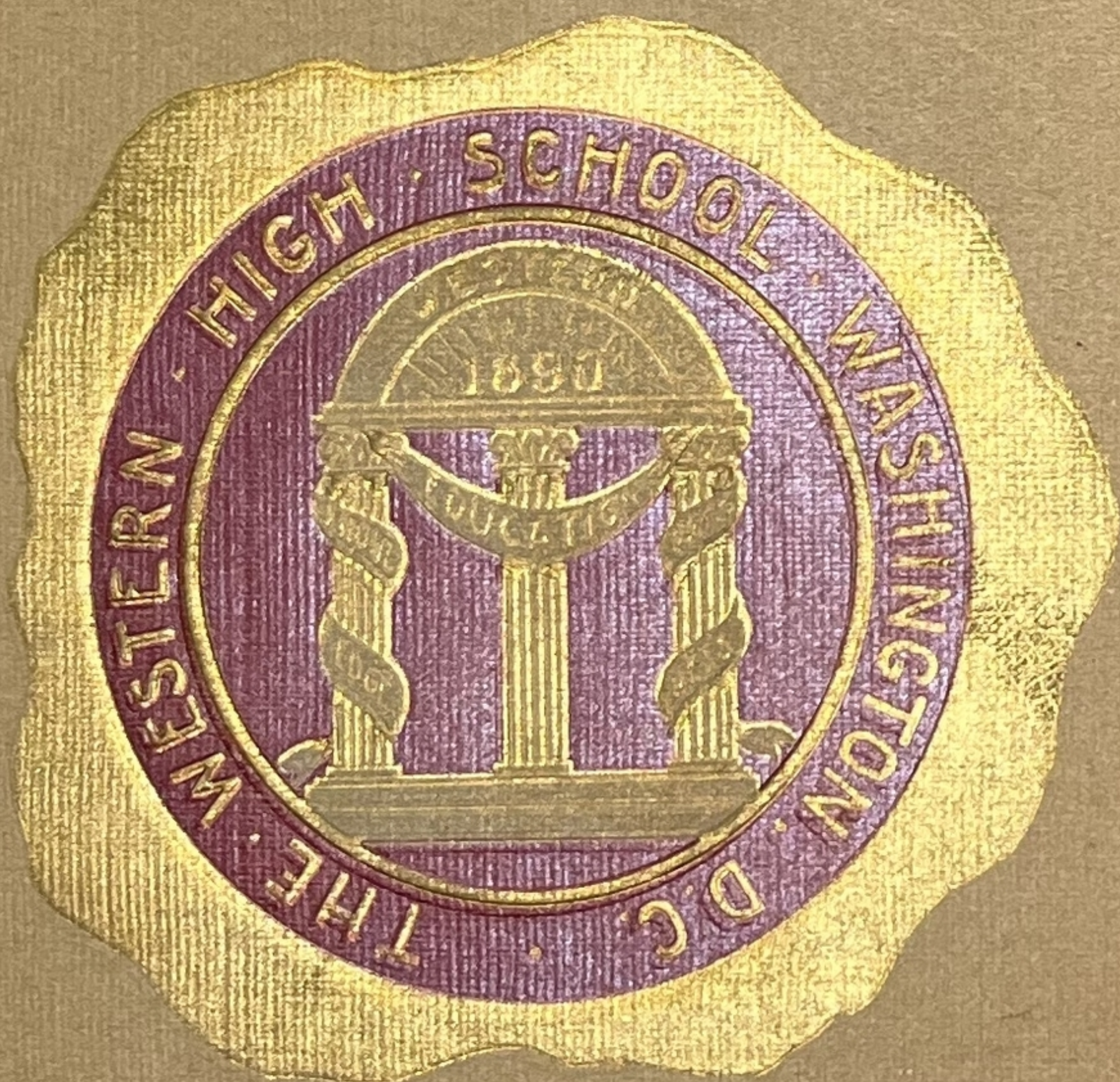


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HELEN FIRTH.

Ervin Greggs and David Wells were classmates in their third year at "prep" school, and since both were good football players each naturally aspired to the captaincy of the eleven for the coming year. The man who filled this position was always chosen just after the "big game" of each season, so as a result the fellow who played the best in that contest usually stood the greatest chance of being elected. This year Ervin had "made good" at left end, but as the season advanced David, the first sub for that position, had beaten him out, and on the day of the great battle the line-up in the papers read, "Wells.....left end.".....

Wells had shown up better in practice and was considered by most to be the better player, but as yet he had had no opportunity of taking part in a losing game.

"What chances do we stand of winning?" he asked, as he laced up his suit and reached for his headgear.

"That's hard to say," answered Ervin. "If you asked me what chance there was of my getting in the game I might be able to tell you."

"Oh, well, I may get knocked out, you know," observed David.

Ervin smiled but said nothing.

When the teams were lined up and the ball placed in the center of the field ready for the kick-off David didn't feel certain as to the chances of anything, but the referee's whistle was blowing and soon his attention was elsewhere.

They received the kick, and after trying an end run and a line plunge the tackle was called back for a punt. David got down the field under it and "nailed" his man. Then the opposing team started to make its way slowly but surely toward their goal. On they came, now through tackle, now around left end, but never by David.

When on the ten-yard line, however, the home team braced and held for downs. After an exchange of punts the half ended with the ball in mid-field. Score, 0—0.

David felt contented.

In the second half the two elevens fought with renewed vigor. They were very evenly matched as to weight, and when the timers announced, "Seven minutes to play," the ball was on the home

team's twenty-yard line in the possession of the opponents.

Their quarterback gave his signals and the ball was snapt. The play was directed straight around right end and as they came David tried to tackle the runner. But just as he left his feet the ball shot back to one of those in the interference, and down the field went runner and ball and all across the goal line. The touchdown was made quite near the side line, causing the kick to be at a difficult angle, and as the pigskin whirled by the bars the official shouted, "No goal." Score, 5—0.

"We're beaten," thought David.

After this every play came at him, until upon second down with the ball on the home team's forty-yard line, the coach took him out and sent in Ervin. The next play was launched at right end again, but this time before it was well under way Ervin had the man and the ball was forfeited for downs.

"21-32-79." The tackle fell back for a punt. Ervin braced himself, and as the ball was shot back sprung forward, upsetting his opponent, and dodging the halfback, he was under the descending ball, and just as the quarter was preparing to catch it he deftly blocked him and the oval bounded off to the left. Ervin was after it, and gathering it in sped down the open field and over the goal line.

As the goal was kicked the crowd became unmanageable, and luckily for the game, time was called.

That evening as the men piled into the training room, David asked for silence.

"I nominate Ervin Greggs for next year's captain," he said.

"We second the motion," shouted the rest.

AS IT WERE.

"Irrigation is a great science," observed Seneca, as he drew his chair up to the fire and absentmindedly poked one of the glowing logs with his wooden leg. "And one," he continued, "that is worthy of your careful attention."

"Quite so, quite so," answered Olaugh, but there was a light in his eyes which Seneca overlooked in his attempt to stir the logs into position. "But on the other hand," remarked Olaugh, "I have done some studying in that line already."

Seneca's cynical smile showed his apparent disbelief, but nevertheless he settled back in his chair, ready to listen to the forthcoming tale.

"It was some years ago," said Olaugh as he filled his meerschaum and struck a match. "I was in Secville, but I remember the place as if I had seen it yesterday. Acres and acres of good ground, but all as dry as tinder. At the time I was living on a little up-country farm in order to restore my shattered health.

"Well, the boss of the establishment was pretty discouraged about not being able to raise any crops on account of the drought. He had tried everything from corn down to four-leaf clover, but couldn't make a go of it anyhow.

"One day he came to me as I was sitting on the piazza settling my dinner of corned beef and tooth-picks and was absentmindedly thinking of the onions that his wife was peeling, and said, 'Look here, I've heard tell that you're a scientist?'

"I couldn't think what he had reference to, but decided to look intelligent and wise, so carelessly nodded my assent.

" 'Well,' said he, 'I want you to give me some advice about irrigation and the like, so that I can raise enough vegetables for the table at least.'

" 'Very well,' said I, 'I'll think it over and see what I can do.'

"The next morning I looked him up and told him to plant his largest field with onions and potatoes in alternate rows. He looked a little incredulous, but inside of a week he had them planted.

"Well, a month or so went by, and during that time I kept going to the field to see how my crops were prospering. At the end of the second month I told him the crop was ripe and that he'd better start digging the potatoes.

"He didn't believe me, but went up in the field with his farm hands and a wagon, and sure enough there was the richest crop of onions and potatoes you ever saw. When they were all dug he came to me and asked the explanation.

" 'Nothing simpler,' said I. 'That is what is known as natural irrigation.' You see, the close proximity of the onions to the potatoes had made the latter's eyes water, thus irrigating the land."

Olaugh leaned back, took a final puff, then knocked the ashes from his pipe. Seneca was still gazing into the fire, while the smoke from his wooden limb continued to make its way up the chimney.

"Speaking of bathing in famous springs," said the tramp to a group of tourists, "I bathed in the spring of '98."



Contrary to the usual custom, examinations for staff and line officers in the High School Cadets were held a week earlier this year. In the first-named examination, which took place on September 26th, Western had one candidate entered, Mr. Emery Lasier, who received the important rank of lieutenant colonel. We congratulate Colonel Lasier on his success. The complete list of staff officers is as follows:

Colonel, G. H. Thiel.

McKinley Manual Training School; Lieutenant Colonel, E. L. Lasier, Western High School; Major, First Battalion, F. Patchell; Second Battalion, W. R. McFarland; Third Battalion, R. W. Carlton; Regimental Adjutant, R. W. Howell; Regimental Quartermaster, L. Marks. In Company H the following appointments were ordered: Captain, Charles Baker; First Lieutenant, Lawrence B. Weeks; Second Lieutenant, French Simpson. The non-commissioned officers were appointed on the first drill day as follows: First Sergeant, Reginald Collins; Second Sergeant, Worthington Campbell; Third Sergeant,

Thomas Ackerman; Fourth Sergeant, Henry Holcombe; Fifth Sergeant, Branch Bryan. Corporals, Rollins, Howard, Hodgson, Decker, Wharton and Parks.

Owing to the inclement weather of Thursday, September 4th, drill was postponed until Monday, the 8th. On that day Company H was organized under permanent officers. Fully six squads reported for drill, a splendid showing for the first day. The response of the first year men to the call for enlistments has been very good. Some boys in the advanced classes who remember last year's victory are not able to resist the temptation of getting a red ribbon and have enlisted. The old men have been very slow in getting their enlistments in. They were the rear rank of last year's prize company and will make an excellent front rank. We need them and expect them to enlist. The same problem as of previous years presents itself, but in a far more serious aspect. We have enough new men for rear ranks of ten squads, while there are only enough second year men to form four front ranks. The sergeancies are all in the third year, a very unusual occurrence. We have no fear of applying Colonel Ross' formula, "As the first sergeant is, so is the company," for Sergeant Collins will fill this position in as capable a manner as he did that of corporal last year. Among the second year men are three corporals, North, Decker and Wharton, who are to be congratulated on their positions. The basis of a winning company is available, and with hard, conscientious work we can make it "two straight."

Captain Baker has served in Company H four years, three as a private and last year as right guide of the winning company. He is a capable and efficient soldier, is popular among his men and is worthy of the stanch support of all Westerners. He is ably assisted by Lieutenants Weeks and Simpson, who were both sergeants in last year's company. Captain Baker and his men can do no more than follow in the steps of Captain Bland, who has taken his place with Taussig and Smoot, the heroes of former winning companies.

We voice the sentiments of the entire school, faculty and students in saying that our best wishes and strongest support are given to Company H and its men.

A complete roster of the company at present follows:

- ✓ Captain, Charles Baker.
- ✓ First Lieutenant, Lawrence B. Weeks.
- ✓ Second Lieutenant, French Simpson.
- ✓ First Sergeant, Reginald Collins.
- ✓ Second Sergeant, Worthington Campbell.
- ✓ Third Sergeant, Thomas Ackerman.
- ✓ Fourth Sergeant, Henry Holcombe.
- Fifth Sergeant, Branch Bryan.

Corporals:—

- ✓ Rollins.
- ✓ Howard.
- ✓ Hodgson.
- ✓ Decker.
- ✓ Wharton.
- ✓ North.
- ✓ Parks.

Privates:—

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 Shreve.
 Thomson.
 Triepel.
 True.
 X Weeks.
 Watson.
 X Wilson.

Can anybody give us details as to where First Lieutenant Weeks' officer's pin has disappeared? It left him last Friday and has not been seen since upon him. Altho this incident seems trivial, it may be one of the happenings in a great mystery which always hangs about the handsome first lieutenant of company H.

Miss Nicholson was heard to remark that there certainly is an uninteresting set of boys in her class. Miss Beale thoroly agreed with her sentiments asking if she had only just found that out. (How unkind of them!)

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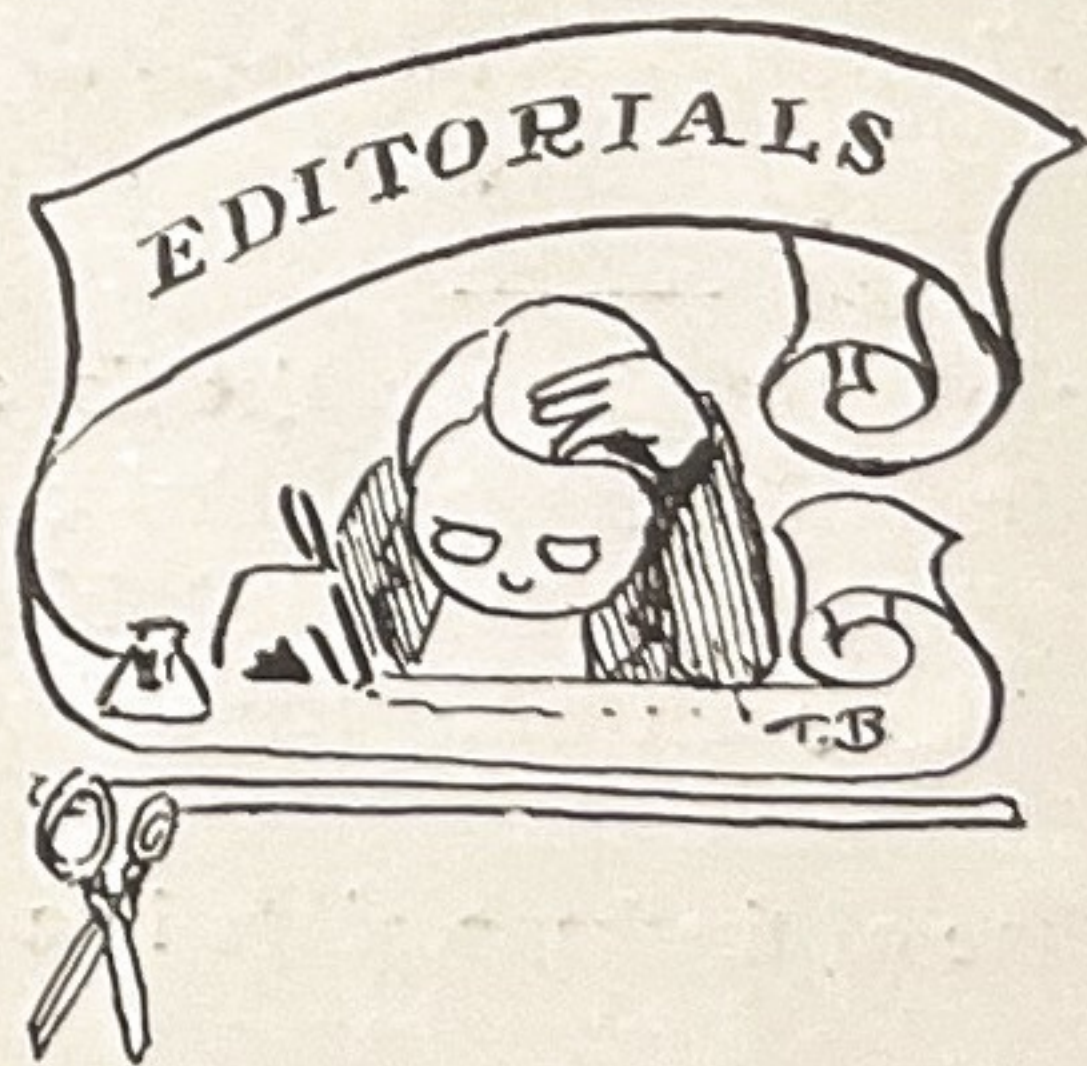
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This year THE WESTERN appears for the 11th time in the school's history. Ten editions have gone before, editions of varying quality, but each striving to equal if not surpass the previous numbers. Of course we don't intend to be any exception to this general rule and in fact mean to try our best to conform to it,

especially in the surpassing point. But then such a task is practically impossible unless, to use the old but true phrase, the school as a whole is willing to give us its support. There are two kinds of support—financial and literary. The former altho not so pleasant as the latter is nevertheless quite as important, for the larger our backing the better the paper will be, and surely the school wants THE WESTERN to be of first-class order. All but the first year class know what constitutes the literary support. The first year class is large; that is, in numbers, and therefore can contribute much toward the school notes column. Any incident or saying that causes a laugh, especially if the teacher laughs, ought to be written down and dropt in the box marked THE WESTERN. Any original rimes or jokes are always acceptable, and stories are received with true appreciation. If the school will work on this basis it will not be an impossible task to please the majority.

Now that the furor and disturbance caused by the introduction of the new spelling has in a degree subsided, we take pleasure in notifying our readers that THE WESTERN has decided to use this much criticized form. Altho this may be a signal for a general outburst of ridicule from the country at large, yet we remain firm in our decision. For why should we be behind the times merely for the sentiment wrapt up in the old arrangement of letters? Altho in bygone days people have kissed the Blarney-stone, yet their speech would have become just as eloquent, no doubt, had they kist it instead. True, in many cases the Latin and French derivatives are no

longer apparent but then, we take it for granted that the majority of our readers read for the English meaning. However, if any words (with the exception of printer's mistakes) are at all obscure, we will gladly furnish their meaning upon request.

All who have reached this point in the paper have surely noticed the cover. Noticing it you could not have failed to see the seal thereon. Western has never been able to boast such a possession until this year, but many other schools have. Why should we be outdone? With this sentiment in mind Mr. Myers, our very able business manager, decided to offer a free subscription to the one designing the best school seal. Mr. Polhemus of the famous class of '07 was the winner of this competition, and we hope he will enjoy his prize.

ATHLETICS

Capt. Radford's call for football candidates was responded to by about 30 men. The outlook the first few days was rather dark, as none of last year's regular team returned, but the boys have taken hold with a will and the squad is rounding into form for our first championship game. The men out for the team are Capt. Radford, Osgood, Morse, Catchings, A. Polhemus, Rafter, A. Howard, Dreisonstock, Parker, Hodgson, Crampton, Stephenson, G. Polhemus, Anthony, Robinson, Babcock, Daniel, Barnes,

Obenchain, Kenner, Dutton, Smith, and Mercer. Morse was chosen manager.

The team was very fortunate in securing Mr. Thos. Kirby for coach for this year. Mr. Kirby and Mr. Bocock, as everyone knows, developed our championship team of last year. Mr. Bocock is captain of the Georgetown eleven this year, and for that reason is unable to help us. Coach Kirby has a hard task before him, but it may be depended upon that he will turn out the best team possible under the circumstances.

We wish to bespeak the support of the school in the "rooting" line this year. The school is now nearly 500 strong, and there is no reason why good organized cheering can not be had at the games. "Rooting" is the life of the team and inspires the boys to do their best work, as the championship cup must stay at Western this year. Everybody out in full force at the games and bring your voices, megaphones, etc. (and if the first year have any rattles).

GIRLS' BASKET BALL

The prospects for the girls' basket ball team this year, from the present outlook, are much better than they have been for the last two years. There are at present about 25 candidates altogether. Last year there were not enough girls to make even two teams, which was a great drawback to the first team.

Of last year's team there are only

three members left: Miss Fulton (Captain), Miss Garnett and Miss Lingley. The teams will not be permanently organized until all the girls have been thoroughly tested, which will probably be in about two weeks.

New rules will be adopted by the various high schools this year, but in accordance with the wish of Mrs. Walton there will be no inter-high school championship games.

WASHINGTON SCHOOL 11, WESTERN 10.

On Oct. 2 our sturdy boys went down to defeat at the hands of the Washington School for Boys by the score 11—10. In the first half Western showed their true form, securing two touchdowns and holding Washington scoreless. In the second half the lighter men on the squad were sent in, very much weakening our team, and Washington scored two touchdowns and kicked one goal. The playing of Osgood and Radford were the features. The former ran 40 yards off right tackle for a touchdown, and the latter recovered a fumbled punt and ran 25 yards for a touchdown.

THE DEBATING SOCIETY

By the time that the first issue of THE WESTERN comes out the Debating Society will have been fully reorganized. The first meeting of the society was held on Wednesday, October the 24th, attended only by those in the school who were members last year. As one of the offi-

cers elected for the present year has not returned to school, the first business transaction was the election of a new officer, so that the present officers are as follows: President, E. L. Lasier; Vice-President, Miss Ana Fulton; Secretary-Treasurer, R. A. Collins, and Chairman, Charles S. Baker.

Now that the society has been fully reorganized, any and all of the students of the school are invited to become members. The chief reason why Central and Eastern were so successful last year was because in each school the society had a membership of about one hundred, from which to choose the team, while the society here at Western never had a membership of over twenty-four. You may not be in the company, you may not be an athlete, but you can join the Debating Society.

E. L. L., '07

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THE WESTERN reporter sucked his thumb
And vacantly pulled his hair;
He even tapt upon his head,
But alas, there was nothing there.

Mr. C. Lamson, an aspirant for Western football honors, announced that he was going to play drawback on the team.

One of Miss Reed's little ones: "B4 does not meet tomorrow, but this will be for (B4) tomorrow."

Young Rafter is a beaming lad. Apropos of this remark it might be said that he is one of the school's supports.

Miss Dodge (translating in German): "The ox, the pleasant house companion of man—"

Mr. H. (in geometry, stating his proposition): "If two parallel lines are parallel to a third line, they are parallel to each other—"

Mrs. Young: "Nuf Ced."

"Time for re-tiring," said the Vanderbilt Cup racer as his tire exploded.

"Pop, what's the best kind of paper for a kite?"

"Fly-paper, my son."

Hoes, about 2.15, dreamily raising his head from his desk: "What period is this?"

Upon being asked what she had the next hour, Miss Brewer replied she had a D— section.

It has been said that Plant is one of the lights of the English class. We wonder why?

Freshman Cadet: "Altho I don't know how to drill yet, I am going to buy a 'statistics' book and study up."

Miss Cushing: "Now, tell me something which showed Raleigh's nobility of character."

Mr. Morse: "He introduced tobacco into England."

Madame: "Il s'assit sur le gazon."

Simpson (translating): "He sat down on the waiter."

If two burglars were in a house and the clock struck one, what would the other do?

Whenever a mistake is noticed in Cæsar's grammar the Latin teachers are quick to explain that it is "merely for force."

There was a young fellow named —,
Who pennies did match and oft lose.

When asked the reason,

"'Tis my unlucky season,"

Said he, and went into the blues.

Heard in the first year history class:
The bell. (Notice: This joke is not indorsed.)

Mark "Anthony" on the football field.

Miss Reed informed the fourth year English class that Dryden's poetry was in keeping with his name. "How apropos."

Parent (of Freshman): "And what does this 'D' on your report mean?"

Freshman: "That they are De-lighted with my work."

When the chestnut burr doth open,
And I so for summer yearn;
I am feeling melancholy,
When the leaves begin to turn.
For I'm feeling sad and lonely,
And I know my heart will burn
When the school again doth open,
And the leaves begin to turn.
When Geometry and German,
And Physics I must learn;
I am feeling, oh! so wretched,
When book leaves begin to turn.

From the size of the shears the staff of THE WESTERN should get some good "cuts" for the paper. (Note: The contributor of the above must have meant to be cutting in his remark.)

Miss Nailor can not be said to be of the manual training type, altho her name would suggest it.

Shakespeare used to hold the record in the name spelling contest, but now Drayzenstocke of '07 has crowded him out of first honors. On a paper handed in the other day he employed his 39th combination of letters.

Theodore Howard was heard to say That instead of football he liked croquet.

If any of our jokes are too deep for our readers we will gladly furnish all necessary information upon request at the office of THE WESTERN.

EXCHANGES.

THE MODEST POET.

"Dear Jack," said Kate, with eyes of blue,

"To tell the truth I can not see
Why you don't make a verse or two
Which I can say is all for me?"

"My love," said Jack, "that would I do
If I did not with fear foresee
That if I made a verse to you,
It might make you averse to me."

—*Yale Record.*

"Yes, he was killed by a blow from a policeman's club."

"Sort of a hardwood finish, eh?"

"I missed one of my pullets last night, Rufus," said the Colonel, sternly.

"Yo' oughtn't to shoot at pullets in de dahk, Colonel," replied Rufus.

Teacher: "What made the tower of Pisa lean?"

Pupil: "It was built in the time of famine."

"That's another story," said the elevator man to the woman asking for the grocery department.

TAKING THE VEIL.

I.

She took the veil—how light a thing
Can outweigh life—and fling
Its chains about us like an iron ring.

II.

She took the veil! No one was near,
Nor friend, nor kin, nor mother dear,
To touch her hand or bid her cheer.

III.

She took the veil!

And one of Wanamaker's floor-walkers saw her take it, and now she's doing ninety days at Cherry Hill.

—*Ex.*

BEGINNING OF SCOLE YERE.

Whan that Octobre with his breezes cole
Is callinge alle the childreyne bak to scole ;
And younge childreyne the first tyme are sent,
Wel-guarded by a stern and gruff parent ;
Whan that Jack Frost eek, with his apron whyte,
Hath opened alle the chestnute burrs by nyte ;
And Summer's leaves by Autumn's windes turned browne.
Maken soft rushyngs as they swirl arowne ;
Than vertuous laddes biginne ther yerely grind,
In studious persuits to trane the mind.
And specially from over-al they come
Singlinge it out from other scoles so BOME,
To Western Highe Scole of ful fair renoun,
Couthe to alle folks as the beste scole inne toun.

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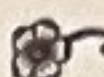
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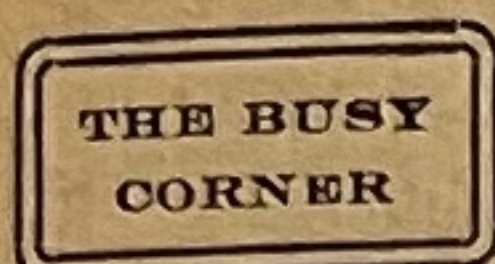
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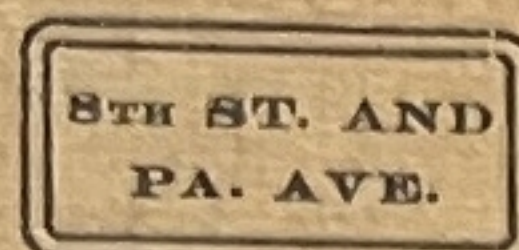
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